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TO

Extend the Benefits of certain Provisions of the
General Merchant Seamen's Act, relating to
Apprentices bound to the Sea Service, to Ap-
prentices bound to the Sea Service by Boards
of Guardians of the Poor in Ireland.

[Note.—The Words printed in *Italics* are proposed to be inserted
in Committee.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Eighth Year of the Preamble.
Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to 7 & 8 Vict.
" amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Merchant c. 112. s. 92
" Seamen, and for keeping a Register of Seamen," Power was given
5 to the Overseers of the Poor or other Persons having the Authority of
Overseers in any District, Union, Parish, Township, or Place in the
United Kingdom, in the Manner and subject to the Conditions in
the said Act mentioned, to bind and put out as an Apprentice in the
Sea Service any Boy having attained the Age of Twelve Years, of
10 sufficient Health and Strength, who or whose Parents was or were
chargeable to such District, Union, Parish, Township, or Place, or who
should beg for Alms therein, with his Consent, but not otherwise:
And whereas it is expedient to confer upon the several Boards of
Guardians in Ireland the same Powers as are by the said recited Act
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given and conferred upon such Overseers of the Poor: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That—

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Guardians of the Poor in Ireland may bind Boys as Apprentices to the Sea Service, but such Apprenticeship not binding after Apprentices attains Twenty-one Years of Age.

I. It shall and may be lawful for the Guardians of the Poor of any Union, or other Persons duly appointed to carry into execution the Provisions of the Acts passed for the Relief of the Poor, in Ireland, or having the Authority of such Guardians in any Union in Ireland, and they are hereby empowered, to bind by Indenture according to the 10 Form set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed (or as near thereto as the Circumstances of the Case will admit, mutatis mutandis), and to put out as an Apprentice in the Sea Service to any of Her Majesty's Subjects being the Owner of any Ship registered or licensed in any Port of the United Kingdom, any Boy having 15 attained the Age of Twelve Years, and of sufficient Health and Strength, who or whose Parents is or are chargeable to and maintained by any such Union or any Electoral Division in such Union, with his Consent, but not otherwise, and until such Boy shall attain the Age of Twenty-one Years, or shall have served as an 20 Apprentice Seven Years, or whichever shall first happen; and such Binding shall be effectual to all Intents and Purposes: Provided always, that no such Binding shall be valid unless the said Guardians of such Union shall have caused their Official Seal to be affixed to the Indenture of Apprenticeship, and which said Inden- 25 ture shall be signed by the presiding Chairman of the Board at any Meeting; provided also, that every such Binding shall be made in the Presence of any such Boy and of Two Justices of the Peace, who shall execute the Indenture in Testimony of their being satisfied that such Boy hath consented so to be bound, and attained 30 the Age, and is of sufficient Health and Strength, as required by this Act; and the Age of every such Boy shall be truly inserted in his Indenture, and the Age of every such Boy so inserted therein shall (in relation to the Continuance of his Service) be taken to be his true Age, without any further Proof thereof; and any Cer- 35 tificate of Baptism (if any) of such Boy which may be attainable and required shall be given and attested by the Officiating Minister or Person having the Custody thereof, without Fee or Reward: Provided also, that no such Apprenticeship to the Sea Service shall be binding after the Apprentice shall have attained the 40 Age of Twenty-one Years, and that every such Indenture, together with his Register Ticket annexed thereto, shall be given up to such Apprentice on his attaining such Age, or at the Expiration of his Apprenticeship, whichever shall first happen, by the Person
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to be his true Age, without any further Proof thereof: Provided always, that if the Cost of the Relief of such Boy in such Union as aforesaid be chargeable to an Electoral Division of such Union, the Consent in Writing of the Guardians or Guardian of the Poor of such Electoral Division, under their or his Hand, shall be obtained previous to such Binding as aforesaid, or shall be written or enclosed upon such Indentures (save and except in Cases where Vice Guardians shall be acting in place of Guardians of the Poor).

- II. The Guardians or Persons having the Authority aforesaid by whom any such Boy is bound shall provide him with a sufficient Outfit of Sea Clothing, Bedding, and similar Necessaries, to the Value of *Five Pounds*, and shall cause him to be conducted by a Constable or other trustworthy Person to the Port where the Master or Owner of the Ship to whom he is bound is or resides, and shall, if the Master or Shipowner to whom such Apprentice is bound resides in the Port of London, transmit One of the Indentures aforesaid, duly executed and attested, to the Registrar of Seamen, and if he resides at any other Port, to a Shipping Master at such Port, and shall transmit One other of the said Indentures to the Master or Owner to whom the Boy is bound, and shall retain the Third of the said Indentures; and the Expense incurred in the Provision of such Outfit, and the Binding and Conveyance of any such Apprentice, and the Transmission of such Indentures, shall be charged to the Union or Electoral Division, as the Case may be, to which the Boy or his Parent or Parents was or were chargeable at the Time of his being so apprenticed.

Such Apprentices to be furnished with Outfit; and sent to the Seaport.

Expenses to be borne by Union, &c.

- III. The Indentures so entered into by the Guardians or other Persons having such Authority as aforesaid in any Union in Ireland may be sued upon in the Name of the Guardians of the Poor of such Union for the Time being, by their Name of Office; but no Action for the Breach of any Covenant contained in such Indentures shall be commenced by such Guardians or other Persons without the Consent of the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland; and no such Action commenced with such Consent shall abate by reason of Death or any Change of such Guardians or Persons pending the same, but shall be proceeded in by the Guardians or Persons having the Authority aforesaid for the Time being, who shall be entitled to charge the whole Amount of the Costs incurred in such Action, and not recovered from the Defendant therein, upon the Union or Electoral Division as aforesaid, as the Case may be, although Part of such Costs may have been incurred by their Predecessors.

Indentures may be sued on by Guardians.

SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

Form of Apprentice's Indenture.

THIS Indenture, made the _____ Day of _____ in the
 Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and _____
 witnesseth, That _____ the Guardians
 of the Poor of the Union of _____ in the County of _____
 in the Presence of _____ and _____ Two of Her Majesty's
 Justices of the Peace in and for the said County _____ in which
 the said Union is situate [or in part situate], do by this Indenture,
 duly executed by the said Justices in testimony of their having been
 satisfied that the Boy hereby and hereafter bound and named hath
 attained the Age herein-after mentioned, and is of sufficient Health
 and Strength as required by the Statute in such Case made and pro-
 vided, bind, put out, and place, with his own free Will and Consent,
 and not otherwise, _____ a poor Boy of the said Union,
 aged _____ Years, as appears from such Information of such
 Boy's Age as the said Justices have been able to obtain (*) who
 is now [and whose Parents _____ and _____ are
 now] chargeable to and maintained by the said Union of _____
 Apprentice in the Sea Service to _____ One of Her Majesty's
 Subjects, of the [Parish] of _____ in the County of _____
 being the Master † _____ of the Ship called _____
 registered in the Port of _____ being a Port of the United King-
 dom of Great Britain and Ireland, with him the said _____ his
 Executors and Administrators, and the Assign or Assigns of the
 Widow or of the Executors and Administrators of the said _____
 to dwell, remain, and serve from the Day of the Date of these
 Presents for so long Time and until the said Apprentice shall attain
 the Age of Twenty-one Years; during all which Term the said
 Apprentice, his said Master, his Executors and Administrators, or
 the Assign or Assigns of the Widow or of the Executors or Admi-
 nistrators of the said _____ shall well and faithfully serve; his

* The Apprentice must be above Twelve and under Seventeen Years of Age, and bound for Four Years at the least

† Or Owner.

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and their Secrets keep; his and their lawful Commands everywhere gladly do and execute; Hurt or Damage to his said Master, his Executors or Administrators, or the said Assign or Assigns, he shall not do, consent or see to be done by others, but to the utmost of his Power shall hinder the same, and forthwith his said Master, his Executors or Administrators, or the said Assign or Assigns, thereof warn; Taverns or Alehouses he shall not frequent; at Dice, Cards, Tables, Bowls, or any other unlawful Games he shall not play; the Goods of his said Master, his Executors or Administrators, or the said Assign or Assigns, he shall not embezzle or waste, or lend or give to any Person or Persons without his or their Licence; nor from the Service of his said Master, his Executors or Administrators, or the said Assign or Assigns, without his or their Consent, at any Time absent himself; but as a true and faithful Apprentice in all lawful Businesses, according to his Power, Wit, and Ability, and honestly, orderly, and obediently in all Things, shall demean and behave himself toward his said Master, his Executors or Administrators, or the said Assign or Assigns, during the said Term; and true and just Accounts of his or their Goods, Chattels, and Money committed to his Charge, or which shall come to his Hands, faithfully he shall give at all Times, when thereunto required by him or them; and shall also render an Account of, and well and truly pay or cause to be paid to him or them, all such Wages, Price Money, and other Sum or Sums of Money as shall become due and payable unto him the said Apprentice from Her Majesty, Her Heirs, Successors, or any other Person, in case he shall enter or go into Her Majesty's Service during the said Term. In consideration whereof, and of the Sum of _____ of lawful Money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to him in hand well and truly paid at the Execution of these Presents (the Receipt whereof the said _____ doth hereby acknowledge), he the said

for himself, his Executors or Administrators, doth hereby covenant, promise, and agree to and with the said Guardians of the Poor, and their Successors, that he the said _____ his Executors or Administrators, and the Assign or Assigns of his Widow or of his Executors or Administrators, the said Apprentice in the Art, Trade, or Business of a Mariner or Seaman, with the Circumstances thereunto belonging, shall and will, until he shall attain the Age of Twenty-one Years, teach, learn, and instruct, or cause to be taught, learned, and instructed, in the best Way and Manner that he or they can; and shall and will find, provide, and allow unto the said Apprentice competent and sufficient Meat and Drink, Apparel, Lodging, Washing, Medicine, Medical and Surgical Aid and Advice, and all other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice: and also shall and will so

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Apprentices to Sea Service.

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To extend the Benefits of certain Provisions of the General Merchant Seamen's Act relating to Apprentices bound to the Sea Service to Apprentices bound to the Sea Service by Boards of Guardians of the Poor in Ireland.

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